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REMARKS

On June 12, 2007, the undersigned exchanged a proposed set of changes to the independent claims with examiner Haresh Patel. Specifically, the claims at issue were claims 1, 16, and 22. Also, on that same day, the undersigned spoke with the examiner regarding these changes, and a consensus was reached that now the claims are in condition for allowance.

For clarity's sake, claim 1 is cleanly rewritten as claim 28, claim 16 is rewritten as claim 29, and claim 22 is rewritten as claim 30. The claim dependencies have been adjusted accordingly. Also, since dependent claims 3, 19 and 25 were canceled – their limitations being at least in part incorporated into the independent claims, 28, 29, and 30 – the applicants introduce herein three new dependent claims: 31, 32, and 33. Since the remaining claims incorporate limitations from these allowable claims, they are deemed allowable for similar reasons.

The applicants have fixed up any antecedent basis, indefiniteness, and otherwise cosmetic problems cited in the office action and discussed during the telephonic interview of June 12, 2007. Should the examiner have any questions or concerns, the undersigned can be contacted at 206-903-2461.

Best Regards,

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